

## **Palmerton, PA – Zinc Pile Site**

EPA Region 3 – Philadelphia - Hazardous Site & Cleanup Division

**Geographic location or area of activity:** Palmerton, PA

**Description of activity:** At the Palmerton, PA Zinc Pile site, FY'07 was a very green year. Over 500 acres of land on Blue Mountain were revegetated with new grass and trees. A seven-acre electric furnace slag pile created in the 1970s was graded, covered and revegetated in 2007. (The slag pile is located on a property called Stony Ridge Materials and immediately adjacent to Aquashicaola Creek.) The Lehigh Gap Nature Center, which owns and manages the Lehigh Gap Wildlife Refuge on the property, recently received the Department of Interior's Cooperative Conservation Award for its cooperation with EPA, DOI, PADEP and various other federal and state agencies in the revegetation efforts and preserving the once denuded property for recreational and educational use.

**Interagency partners:** EPA, DOI - National Park Service (NPS) and US Fish & Wildlife Service, state partners include the PA Department of Environmental Protection and PA Game Commission

**Local partners:** The Wildlife Information Center [recently renamed Lehigh Gap Nature Center] and Appalachian Trail Conservancy



Palmerton site before vegetation



Palmerton site after vegetation

**Activity URLs:** <http://www.epa.gov/reg3hscd/super/sites/PAD002395887/index.htm>  
<http://www.epa.gov/reg3hwmd/npl/PAD002395887.htm>  
<http://cfpub1.epa.gov/supercpad/cursites/csitinfo.cfm?id=0300624>